

PROGRAM UPDATE

Office of Worker and Community Transition United States Department of Energy October - December 2002

WORK FORCE RESTRUCTURING ACTIVITIES

Involuntary Separations Announced at the Hanford Site

On November 14, 2002, Fluor Hanford, Inc., announced a skill-mix related involuntary layoff at the Hanford Site (Site) impacting up to 400 employees. Ninety-two employees at the Site elected to participate in a Self-Select Program, which allowed them to volunteer to be involuntarily separated in order to receive contract severance payments. Involuntary lay-off notices were handed out to an additional 189 employees on January 6, 2003.

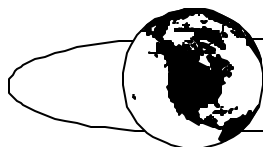
Approval of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory Work Force Restructuring Plan

On November 13, 2002, the Office of Worker and Community Transition approved the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory's FY 2003/2004 Work Force Restructuring Plan for review and approval. The strategy of a multi-year plan will allow the achievement of goals developed by the Department of Energy's Idaho Operations Office and Bechtel BWXT Idaho, LLC (BBWI) to significantly accelerate the Environmental Management cleanup mission at Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. BBWI is proposing to conduct involuntary separations during the 2-year period impacting up to 500 employees.

COMMUNITY TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

On October 2, 2002, the Department of Energy (DOE) announced it had awarded a total of \$777,000 in the form of competitive grants and an operational block grant to the Regional Development Corporation (RDC). The RDC is the community reuse organization serving DOE's Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.

The RDC applied for one large cap grant and two small grants. The large cap grant in the amount of \$200,000 will be used to continue to support the Otra Vez project, an asset conversion and skill-training program. The Otra Vez project provides vocational training and permanent employment for trainees through a program that upgrades and sells surplus



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computers, office equipment, and furniture that were originally Los Alamos National Laboratory surplus property. The first small cap grant in the amount of \$157,000 will be used to continue supporting area business development activities. The second small cap grant in the amount of \$120,000 will be use for the Connect Rio Arriba project.

The DOE also awarded a block grant in the amount of \$300,000. The block grant will be used for RDC administration to continue to manage existing in-house economic development programs, facilitate and provide technical assistance for community collaborations, and to identify/facilitate and/or implement new programs.

ASSET MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The Asset Management Program, within the Office of Worker and Community Transition (the Office), is coordinating the overall Department of Energy (DOE) requirements for beryllium metal. The only source of beryllium metal is located in the National Defense Stockpile Center (the Stockpile) in the Department of Defense (DoD). The DoD is currently drawing down on beryllium metal in the Stockpile. Current projections for beryllium metal by the DoD show that all beryllium metal ingots will be consumed by 2007 and the remaining beryllium metal by 2011. The Office has received beryllium metal requirements for future program needs from DOE's Office of Science (SC), the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology (NE), and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). The Office has reserved all 127 short tons of beryllium metal billets in the Stockpile for DOE's use. The Office will be meeting with SC, NE and NNSA to establish an overall Departmental position in preparation for discussion with DoD with regard to the allocation of beryllium metal in the Stockpile.

The Office assisted the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) regarding platinum metal in their annual reporting to the Stockpile of the use of platinum metal on loan from the Stockpile. The annual report on the use of platinum metal for the NNSA National Ignition Facility was provided to the Stockpile, and LLNL will continue to provide an annual report for the duration of the Platinum loan agreement.

The Office also assisted LLNL regarding a 1-year extension of their loan agreement with the Stockpile for the use of iridium for NNSA Mercury Laser Project. The 1-year extension will be signed by Dr. Everet Beckner for NNSA and Mr. Cornel Holder, Administrator of the Stockpile.

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